



# SPORTS



## LOCAL "Y" TEAM TO GET REAL TEST IN MARQUETTE FRACAS

Loss of Alward Through Injury May Weaken Defensive Play Saturday Night.

BY JOHN J. LICKLEY.

One of the most bitterly fought basketball games of the season will be played at the big "Y" gymnasium Saturday night when the strong Marquette university five clashes with Cooper's redoubtable proteges. The Milwaukee aggregation comes here fresh from a successful invasion of the south in which they lost but one contest, that by the narrow margin of one point to the Jonesboro, Ark., Y. M. C. A. quintet, 20 to 18.

The "Y" team, rated as one of the very strongest in the middle west, as a result of their victory over the "Big Five" outfit of Chicago, will come in for a real test in this game and in those of the next two weeks. In addition to that fact that the schedule for that period includes, besides the Marquette game, contests with the Fort Wayne K. C.'s, Indianapolis K. C.'s and the Whiting Red Cross, the squad will be greatly weakened in defensive play by the loss of "Kenny" Alward, sterling guard, who has a severely sprained ankle, sustained while practicing in the gym Tuesday evening. While "Lenny" Watters, former high school star and at present a member of the Springfield "Y" college five, will take Alward's place in the Marquette game, the presence of a comparatively new man on the quintet will hamper the teamwork and smooth playing of the men to no little extent.

Send for Burnham.

The injury to Alward and the absence of Elmer Burnham, stellar forward, makes the chances for a victory over the college team Saturday seem somewhat dubious. Burnham has been visiting in New York City over the holiday period, but a hurried "R. O. S." was sent him immediately after the injury to Alward, so he may return in time to play against the Hilltoppers.

And judging from the formidable record which precedes the college boys, the "Y" squad will need him. The team has lost three men from last year's powerful aggregation which defeated Wisconsin, Minnesota, Notre Dame and Northwestern, scoring a total of 463 points during the season against their opponents' 218, but has been greatly strengthened by the addition of several new men who bid fair to eclipse the performances of last year's veterans. The ones of "Eddie" Karst, touted as one of the best forwards in the west last year, have been capably filled this season by Quinn, a member of last year's freshman five. Coach Murray, a former Harvard Mentor, is also enthusiastic over the early season form displayed by "Red" Dunn, Capt. Dufford and McKenna.

The game has aroused a great amount of interest in the city as the result of it will go a long way toward determining the "Y" team's prospects for a clean slate this season as well as serving as a source of comparing the local five with other strong state teams to be met by the Milwaukee outfit on their present tour.

Coach Cooper is making preparations for a banner crowd at the game which starts at 8:30 o'clock.

## TOUGH BREAK FOR PLAYER AND OWNER

Salt Lake Team President Sorry Coast League Promoted "Winter Circuit."

Profr Lane of the Salt Lake team is one individual who is mighty sorry the Coast League helped to promote the Winter League.

"The California Winter League kept me from disposing of one of my players to the majors," remarked Mr. Lane at the recent major league meeting in New York.

"One of my players by the name of Siglin had a mighty big year and looked ripe for a change in the majors. His uniformly good work throughout the season had attracted the attention of the scouts and a deal had practically been closed.

"Just when I was about ready to finish the deal the Winter League was launched and Siglin was announced as one of the players who would perform.

"The club that was after him decided to hold up the deal pending a chance to look him over during the Coast League season. One of the players from that club was hooked to play on the same club as Siglin.

"Unfortunately for Siglin, also myself, he suffered a reversal of form. His work in the winter league in no way compared with his regular season's play. He made anything but an impression on the big league player. The deal which I had all but closed was declared off.

"That isn't the only kick I have on the winter league stuff. I never liked the idea and didn't play any part in the movement. My thought is to give the fans the best brand of ball possible during the season.

"Our aim on the coast should be to make our league a third major league. This can only be done by constantly raising the standard of play. At the present time a comparison of the majors with our league rather hurts us.

"The importance that also was placed on the coming of the big league stars had a tendency to create the impression that the style of ball played in the majors is vastly superior to that of the coast.

"Such is far from being the case. Unquestionably there is a slight difference at present, but this can soon be overcome by proper methods of development in several places.

## Webster to Defend Cue Laurels This Evening

Ivan Webster, who recently annexed the three cushion billiard championship of the city as a result of his victory over Forbes Town, 35 to 27, at the Oliver parlors, will defend his laurels this evening against George Hull, prominent local tobaccoist and councilman-elect from the first ward. The winner will play a 35-point match at the Oliver and the contest will start at 8:30 o'clock.

## LANDIS' RULE MAY COST YANKS HEAVY

Babe Ruth's Defiance Might Remove Famous Swatter From Organized Ball.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Babe Ruth's open defiance of Judge Landis, high commissioner of baseball, will cost the New York club at least \$100,000 if, indeed, it does not remove the colorful Bambino from the pale of organized baseball entirely and render him a dead asset to the Yankees.

Judge Landis has given the answer to the oft-repeated query "Is Ruth bigger than baseball?" and it was a reply that is not likely to be modified by a plea of extenuating circumstances. By suspending Ruth, Bob Meusel and Bill Piercy until May 20, 1922, and fining them their shares of the world's series prize money, which are being held in escrow, Judge Landis tossed a bombshell into the American league. While the severity of the punishment was not unexpected, the verdict carries harsh provisions that were not anticipated.

Ruth's employers were prepared to stand a heavy financial loss, but had hoped in some way to have the sentence modified so that the home-run king could train with the Yankees next spring and then keep in condition until his suspension was lifted.

Will Babe Stand "Hitched?" By outlawing the Babe entirely until late in May Judge Landis probably will drive him into an alliance with independent promoters and thus prematurely end a great career.

Ruth has many offers and it will require great tact and persuasion on the part of the Yankee club to keep him "hitched" until he can free himself in the manner suggested by the official verdict.

Ruth's ill-advised barn-storming tour last fall netted him less than \$5,000. The interest on this, as charged by Judge Landis, can easily amount to 10 times the principal.

Aside from what Ruth is worth as a box office attraction on a spring training trip and the first month of a championship season, the strong possibility of his quitting organized baseball abruptly now looms up. Babe can undoubtedly make big money on independent bookings next season, but after that he may not do so well. Home-run records of busn pitchers do not greatly interest baseball fans.

Once Ruth breaks away he will be done as a Yankee. He will soon be 28 years old and he is getting heavy. He might trade on his reputation in a third major league if he could find promoters to start one. However, the costly Federal League failure is still fresh in the memories of the promoters and money is tight now.

Halts Recent Making. In any event Ruth is not going to be the heroic figure he was in 1920 and last season. If he quits he will be a total loss to the club, and if he sticks, but does not go into training until late in May, he may not regain his form until midsummer.

And with a month's stand off his season he has practically no chance to equal or even approach his home-run records of the past two seasons.

To the loss incurred by Ruth's suspension must be added the expense of securing two new outfielders with which to start the next championship season. The chances of the Yankees repeating as champions under these circumstances are anything but bright.

With no Ruth to draw the crowds and no world's series to top the season, could easily run the Yankee losses up to a half million dollars.

The more one considers the Landis decision the tougher it gets.

## BALLADS of BASEBALL

By Moriarity

UNSUNG LINES. I'm waiting for a long-eared guy to greet me with a smiling eye, and slip into my troubled ears words that an umpire never hears. I'm waiting and I've waited long for someone of a baseball throng to hush up my sigh and say: "Old kid, you've been right today!"

I'm waiting for some guy to slide into a bag and then decide that I am right in ruling him the loser by a margin slim. I'm waiting for some crabby bird to pull a hook-slide into third and say while wearing frown or smile: "Old dear, you're right! I'm out a mile!"

I know the sweet voiced nightingale, with song can fill the wood and dale. McCormack is an artist true, and Johnson warbles sweetly, too; still there could be no voice so sweet as that voice of an athlete, who'd sing to me in manner kind: "Old top, no one can say you're blind!"

Perhaps some of these new born days, the ump will get his share of the praise, and if this change is really due, friend players, we ask all of you to give us umping guys a chance, and name those great days in advance, so we won't drop dead from the shock when you say: "Ump, I'm out a block!"

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## M'AUILLIFFE THINKS COOK IS LUCKY IN SIGNING 'GEORGES'

Defeat of Frenchman Would Give Cook Chance for Fame and Fortune.

BY JACK MAULIFFE. LONDON, Dec. 28.—George Cook, heavyweight champion of Australia, is the fortunate one to get his first crack at George Carpentier since Dempsey worked on him.

I say fortunate, because he has a big chance for fame and fortune. Already the British are figuring how soon they can get Dempsey over to show himself with the Australian if he knocks out Georges.

When I sailed for England, New York was asking: "Who is this Cook?" Lack of information about him caused many of the skeptics to wag their heads and pass him off as a set-up.

"Fine Looking Boy." I haven't seen Cook work, but I believe he is anything but an easy mark for any of the heavies outside of the big champion. He is a fine looking chap, and when I talked to him he impressed me as being an intelligent boy who knows quite a lot about the ring.

He is 28 years old, weighs 187 pounds, and stands five feet, 10 1/2 inches. With the exception of reach where he has only 75 inches against Dempsey's 78 and Carpentier's 77, he is within an inch of the champion all the way around.

Cook is what the call in Australia "a boy from the bush." He was born at a place called Dubbo, New South Wales, and earned his first money driving the Dubbo mail coach.

He has been boxing professionally for three years, during which he engaged in 16 contests, eight of which were with three opponents, three with Jimmy Clabby, three with Albert Lloyd and two with Fritz Holland.

That record isn't impressive, but I wouldn't pass up any man schooled and trained by Dave Smith, the man who made Les Darcy. Smith has had Cook since he first put on the gloves.

Ambitious, Not Boastful. In addition to his ring talent, he is an excellent swimmer, having been decorated three times for saving lives in the water around his home haunts. He is also a professional woodman, doing a lot of his training work with the axe.

The youngster is ambitious without being boastful. He does not talk of dropping Dempsey with one punch like Carpentier did all last June in Manhattan. He has no prima donna ways and his no barbed wire around his headquarters.

In referring to his coming bout with the Frenchman, he told me the other day:

"I have the advantage as regards weight, strength, endurance and age. In speed there is nothing between us. In height there is only a half inch in his favor. It is the chance of my lifetime. It intend to win."

DETROIT LANDS TWO PROMISING HURLERS

Duffy Lewis Says Pillette and Johnson Should Go Big in Majors.

Duffy Lewis, former big league star, who will manage Salt Lake City in the Pacific Coast League next season, believes Detroit has picked up two promising pitchers in Pillette and Johnson.

"The two pitchers secured by Detroit have great promise," said Lewis in discussing the purchase, "but I hardly think they will set major league class right off the reel.

"We play fast ball on the coast. A lot of people say it is as fast as played in the American and National. I always like to be loyal, but I wouldn't be exactly telling the truth if I made that assertion.

"They figured I was through in the American League, yet I went out to the coast and batted better than 400. Years ago it seems all the major league clubs waived on Sam Crawford. Sam went out to the coast and is still one of the best hitters in the organization. You can draw your own conclusions.

"Pillette and Johnson are both great pitchers in the coast league. Possibly they will keep right on delivering to the American, but I have my doubts. I think both of them will find the class of batters a trine different and discover a little more experience necessary.

"Both Detroit recruits are big fellows with plenty of stuff. They both sidarm most of the time which makes their delivery difficult to hit. Pillette is much like Faber of Chicago in his style and any one who has ever seen Faber pitch knows that means something.

"It may not be any boost for them to say that I found both of them mighty hard to hit. I think Pillette right now is the more advanced of the two. Johnson, however, was the tough baby for me to hit safely. He had me constantly hunting those pop flies to the infield that make the fans yell for your scalp.

"Mr. Navin of Detroit paid a fancy price, took a big gamble, but my opinion of the two pitchers is that it will prove worth while."

HOUSE ALL SMOKED UP. Smoke was coming from the windows—a passerby stopped—alarmed—ran up the front steps and rang the door bell—woman came to the door—"Your house is on fire!" He was invited to enter and there was a poker game with seven men smoking cigars from George Plattner's. 359-tf—Advt.

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## Browns Trade 11 Men for Him



## BILLY EVANS Says

Pitching is the biggest asset a ball club can have.

Some critics argue it is 75 per cent of a team's strength.

Possibly that is putting it a trifle too strong. It is conservative to say that pitching is 60 percent of a team's punch.

In the spring of last year, the St. Louis Cardinals suffered from poor pitching. Manager Riskey only had two men available for duty. For several weeks the team was a tail-end.

The hard hitting of the Cardinals availed them nothing, because the opposition was taking greater liberties with the St. Louis pitchers.

Slowly the pitching staff began to round into form. About mid-June the Cardinals began getting consistently good work from the pitching staff. Immediately the club began to win. During the last six weeks it was going stronger than any other team in the National league.

The experience of the St. Louis Cardinals during the 1921 season is proof positive of the value of pitching. A similar lesson might be taken from the record of the Cleveland club. Inability of Bagby and Mails to come through spoiled the big chance of the Indians.

The decision of Judge Landis, which deprives the New York Yankees of two such great hitters as Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel until May 20, was a severe blow. A lot of pessimistic critics immediately counted the Yankees out of the running in 1922.

I feel that such a belief is rather premature. The Yankees will miss Ruth and Meusel. The New York owners, however, have taken steps to remedy the loss of the two star outfielders. The addition of Sam Jones and Joe Bush to the pitching staff should more than overcome the loss of Ruth and Meusel.

The former Boston stars should be able to carry the burden until the return of Ruth and Meusel. When the Landis suspension is lifted, look out for the Yankees' smoke. A team with the hitting and fielding of the Yanks, plus the excellent pitching it should get, certainly looms up as a tough proposition to beat.

The Yankee pitching staff next year will be made up of Mays, Hoyt, Jones, Bush, Shaver, Harper, Ferguson, O'Doul and Jolly. The first seven in the list of nine pitchers won 110 games in the American league last year.

Carl Mays heads the list with 27 victories. Sam Jones is next with 22. Hoyt won 19, Shawkey 18, Bush 16, Harper 4 and Ferguson 2. It will take some tall hitting to hold that bunch in check next year. In addition Huggins has Lefty O'Doul, who was the big noise in the Coast league last season, and Jolly, who starred in the Texas league.

If pitching is strength, keep your eye on the Yankees.

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## DANFORTH, BROWN'S "ONE-MAN-TEAM," IS ST. LOUIS "CHANCE"

Worth Minor League Baseball Team if He Wins 15 Games, Bobby Quinn Says.

By BILLY EVANS. What will Dave Danforth do for the St. Louis Browns? Danforth, as every fan knows, is the pitcher for whom the St. Louis American League club gave 11 players.

It was seven come eleven who Business Manager Bobby Quinn of the Browns before he was able to put over the deal.

Bob originally had seven players in mind, who he was willing to pass over, but Manager Rowland of the Columbus club expressed a preference for 11.

Sounds like shooting "craps" instead of a baseball deal. Danforth, because of the unique trade in which he figured, will go down in the baseball records as the "one-man team." To secure his services the St. Louis Browns were really forced to turn over a good minor league ball club.

Recall New York Deal. Bobby Quinn, who with Leo Fohl arranged the deal, has always been regarded as a foxy trader. It will be recalled that it was Quinn who sent Derrill Pratt to New York for Shocker, Gideon and a few others and a lot of cash.

What a whale of a deal that was for St. Louis! Joe Gideon proved more than a worthy successor of Pratt. Shocker is today one of the best pitchers in the game.

In his deal with New York several years ago, Quinn received a lot of players for a few. In his very latest deal he has gone to the other extreme. He gives 11 for one.

"If Danforth wins 15 ball games for the St. Louis Browns," I figure it will be a great deal from a St. Louis standpoint," says Quinn.

Fohl Is Conservative. "If Danforth can win me a dozen ball games, I will be satisfied," says Fohl. "The players we have included in the deal should go big in the minors, but I don't believe I could figure on all of them turning in more than 12 wins."

The fact that Danforth has had two trials in the American League is what caused the trade to be so widely discussed. A lot of the critics

figured St. Louis was taking a long chance on a pitcher who had twice failed.

Charles Herzog, once a big league star, played in the American Association with Danforth last year. I asked Herzog at the New York meeting what he thought of Danforth's chances.

"I am sure he will help St. Louis," said Herzog. "He has a great fast ball. He is almost overhead when pitching against right handers, and is constantly eddarming the left-handers. He gets a hop on his fast ball that is most puzzling. If Fohl will be satisfied with a dozen games won from Danforth he can count on that many right now."

In the American league when Danforth was with Chicago he was viewed with suspicion by opposing batters. In the language of the players, Dave was a "cheater." That means he doctored the ball in various ways to get the old hop on his fast one.

"Zip" Of His Fast One. Despite the belief on the part of the players, American League umpires were never able to find anything wrong with his delivery. Danforth has very long fingers and a good sized hand. He can almost encircle the ball. This enables him to get unusual purchase on the ball which no doubt accounts for the "zip" on his fast one.

Manager Rowland, who had Danforth, says "Dave is an entirely different pitcher. He lost his fast ball in the American league because he was always in the bull pen warming up. Likewise I want to go on record in the strongest possible manner that Danforth in no way tampers with the ball. He will easily win 15 games for Fohl.

We shall see.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FIVE TO BATTLE ALUMNI

Burnham Will Turn Out Fast Quintet to Oppose Teams Outside the State.

The fact that the local high school has been suspended from the State High School Athletic Association, will not prevent Coach Burnham from turning out a fast quintet to oppose teams from outside the state. Only one player on the varsity basketball team has been implicated in the charges made by the state association and his position can be filled by one of the many candidates. The local school will abide by the eligibility rule in the future even more strictly than in the past is an effort to prevent a recurrence of the present situation.

The high school varsity will oppose the Alumni basketball shooters, at the Y. M. C. A. Monday afternoon, Jan. 2, at 4 o'clock. Much interest in being shown in this game as the Alumni players are out for revenge for their defeat last year at the hands of the Burners.

G. A. Cooper, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., has been assigned to coach the graduates and will pick his team from the following men: Mike Nyikos, Lynn Watters, Johnny Saho, Warren Watters, Chet Grant, Kenny Alward, Max Buntman, George Robertson and Nelson Bowers.

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